



**Request  
for  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

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<i>Application Number</i>	09/523,102
<i>Filing Date</i>	March 10, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Erwin Si
<i>Art Unit</i>	1651
<i>Examiner Name</i>	S. Saucier
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	13587.286

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s) iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

a.  Deposit Account No. 50-2387

i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other Please see accompanying transmittal letter.

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature		Date	August 6, 2004

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Erwin SI *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/523,102

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For: Methods and Compositions for  
Treating and Preventing Retinal  
Neovascularization

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: S. Saucier

Atty. Docket: 13587.286

Confirmation No.: 4492

### Amendment and Response Accompanying a Request for Continuing Examination

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*Attn: Mail Stop RCE*

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 8, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated June 22, 2004, Applicants submit the attached Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) and the following Comments, Amendments, and Remarks.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this submission other than those set forth in the accompanying transmittal letter. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. If any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time or additional claims, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 13587.286.

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for entering the amendment submitted May 26, 2004 after final, and for the indication that the amendment overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 ¶

2. Following entry of the amendment after final, claims 1-42 are pending and being examined on the merits, subject only to rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).